

10/049701

C11 Rec'd PCT/PTO 14 FEB 2002

PATENT APPLICATIONS

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re the Application of:)
SAMSON, Ilan)
Int'l. Serial No.: PCT/GB00/03055)
Int'l. Filing Date: 08 August 2000)
Priority Date: 14 August 1999)
For: "SPILL-PROOF CUP")
Atty. File No.: 2613RI-1)

*Sub Amndt
Pre 5. Zimmer*
PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

"EXPRESS MAIL" MAILING LABEL NUMBER: EL767781855US
DATE OF DEPOSIT: 2-14-02

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PAPER OR FEE IS BEING
DEPOSITED WITH THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
"EXPRESS MAIL POST OFFICE TO ADDRESSEE" SERVICE
UNDER 37 CFR 1.10 ON THE DATE INDICATED ABOVE AND
IS ADDRESSED TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR
PATENTS, BOX PCT, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231.

TYPED OR PRINTED NAME: JANICE MESSER

SIGNATURE: Janice Messer

Box PCT
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to the initial review of the above-identified patent application by the Examiner, please enter the following Preliminary Amendment. Fees for this Preliminary Amendment are calculated and included with the Transmittal Letter accompanying this Amendment. Please charge any underpayment or debit any overpayment to Deposit Account 19-1970.

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 1-12 as follows:

Sub B1

1. (Once Amended) A cup comprising a sealingly engageable lid having a drinking spout located thereon, a tubular passage having a first end and a second end, said passage formed between an inner surface of the lid and/or an inside of said spout, and a detachable member located on the lid, said first end of said passage being in communication with an inside of the cup and said second end being in communication with an outside of the spout, and said passage being of such a diameter that air cannot readily bubble past liquid inside said passage.